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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 15, 2004, for which a three-month response period expiring on July 15, 2004 was set. The three-month extended period expires on October 15, 2004.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$980.00 for the Petition for an Extension of Time and any additional fees under §§ 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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